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CHANGES IN FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS

Some Interesting Information of Early Towns of the State.

A map of Florida that was published in 1852 was presented recently to the Tallahassee True Democrat, which paper, in commenting on the gift, has the following to say:

A comparison of this map with one of the present day affords an interesting study. At that time there were only 47 counties; now there are 47. The cities of Tallahassee, Pensacola and St. Augustine were then the only places of importance in the State and almost half the map space is taken up in showing the plats of these places.

At that time there were only two town sites in Santa Rosa county, and these were Florida Town and Anderson. Almirante, Alaquas and Euchee Anna were the only settlements in Walton county, the latter being the county site. Pea River and Holmes Valley were the only postoffices in Holmes county, the latter place being the seat of the county government.

St. Andrews Bay was the only place in Washington county.

Fort Gadsden, Apalachicola and St. Joseph were the only places in Franklin county, a railroad running from the latter place to a point on the Apalachicola river. This railroad was afterwards destroyed but is now being rebuilt.

Marianna was then, as now, the county site of Jackson and Quincy that of Gadsden, but there seems only to have been two settlements in both the counties.

St. Marks and Newport were the towns of Wakulla, the latter being the capital.

Tallahassee was the only town shown in Leon county. From here a railroad ran to St. Marks, and this, with the one at St. Joseph, were the only railroads in the State, and they were among the first in the United States.

Monticello, Madison and Jasper were then, as now, the respective sites of Jefferson, Madison and Hamilton counties.

The only settlement in the county of Columbia was known as Alligator. It has since given way to the prosperous town of Lake City.

Newnansville was the county seat of Alachua, and the prosperous city of Gainesville did not then exist.

The county seat of Nassau county was designated as C. H., meaning court house.

Jacksonville was then, as now, the county seat of Duval, but it had no railroad or harbor.

St. Augustine and Picolata were the only designated places in St. Johns county, the former being the seat of government.

Orange seems to have been the most populous county of the State, with settlements at Volusia, Enterprise, Monroe, New Smyrna, Honey, Ross, Jessup, Fort Christmas, Fort McNeel and Danville, the latter place being then the county site, but now the great City of Sanford.

Platka, we are not sure whether it was spelled improperly then or now, was the county seat of Putnam and the only settlement.

Fort King and Fort Armstrong were the only places in Marion county, the former the county site, now occupied by the promising city of Ocala.

Benton, to the west of Marion, is the only county which has disappeared from the map. It now comprises the counties of Citrus, Hernando and Pasco. The county site of Benton was Melendy, which has long since gone the way of all things earthly. The only water routes in the State were from Pensacola and St. Augustine.

What are now the two largest cities in the State, Jacksonville and Tampa, were then only known as the terminals of country roads. The counties of Taylor, Liberty, Suwannee, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Volusia, Lake, Sumter, Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Polk, Osceola, Alachua, Manatee, DeSoto, Lee, and Palm Beach did not exist, neither the hundreds of important cities and towns that dot them.

What a mighty change has been wrought in Florida within the comparatively brief period of fifty-seven years.

Chicago Glee Club Tonight.

The famous Chicago Glee Club will appear in the Improvement Club Hall tonight (Friday). This announcement has been received with joy by all lovers of music in this city, for the above quartette stands among the best in the country and is by far the best ever heard in Fort Pierce. Their appearance here last season delighted an immense audience and it is confidently expected that they will be greeted by a crowded house this evening.

The Chicago Glee Club is composed of J. W. Turner, first tenor; D. E. Thomas, second tenor; G. T. Henry, baritone, and C. H. Dixon, basso. These gentlemen have been together for ten years and their repertoire comprises the best of all types of part-song music. Their program of male quartets, trombone quartets, characterization, vocal and horn solos, present such variety and merit as to please every auditor.

The program this evening will be entirely different from that given last season, but none the less delightful. The trombone quartet, which was such a pleasing part of their last season's program, is still in evidence and will delight all.

Seats on sale by St. Lucie Drug Co.

Little Mildred Hollomon's Birthday.

Little Miss Mildred Hollomon, the bright, pretty and vivacious daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hollomon, entertained ten of her little friends with a birthday and theatre party on her 10th anniversary last Thursday, October 14, at the home of her parents, and for blocks around the merry voices and hearty laughter of happy children enlivened and animated the neighbors. Indoor and outdoor games were heartily indulged in, music and singing enjoyed and the fair young hostess favored her little friends with some choice violin selections, of which art she is fast becoming proficient. Among other good things enjoyed was a visit to the ice cream parlor in the afternoon and to the moving pictures at The Crystal at night. Miss Mildred was the recipient of numerous pretty presents and souvenirs from her friends, all of whom wished her happiness and many returns of the joyous occasion. The little friends participating in the birthday festivities were: Misses Adelaide Summerlin, Lydia Wilson, Mabel Wilson, Gracie Lowry, Janice Matheson, Lila and Fannie Pyles, Eunice Edge, Reva Bvel, Myrtle Edwards and the host, Mildred Hollomon.

Henry "Si" Hopkins a Free Man.

"You, Henry T. Hopkins, having been heretofore convicted of manslaughter in the above cause, and the jury who convicted you having by a written memorial unanimously prayed the court to inflict on you the very minimum punishment that the law will allow, and the court being of the opinion that under the evidence you should either have been convicted of murder or found not guilty as having acted in self defense, therefore it is the sentence of the law and the judgment of the court that you be confined to the county jail for a period of one day."

Such was the sentence imposed by Judge Minor S. Jones on H. T. Hopkins who was convicted of manslaughter at the special term of the court this summer. One day's imprisonment is the penalty Hopkins will pay in expiation of the shooting, the night of May 1, last year, when two men fell lifeless a target to his fire.—Miami Metropolis.

Board of Trade, Attention

A meeting of the Board of Trade for Fort Pierce is hereby called for Saturday, October the 23rd 2:30 p. m. at the office of Judge Hemmings, and a full attendance is urged as matters of importance will be considered. At this meeting arrangements will be perfected for calling a caucus of the qualified voters of the 2nd school district for the purpose of nominating trustees to be voted for in the coming election for bonding for good roads.

A. D. PENNEY, President.

A member of the U. S. Astronomical force, in speaking of the fast approaching comet says: "If you live until next spring you will witness one of the most magnificent sights the skies ever disclosed before your eyes."

BASEBALL TWO DAYS NEXT WEEK

Miami Team Will Play Here Wednesday and Thursday.

On Wednesday and Thursday of next week the people of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie county will have the opportunity and pleasure of witnessing two of the most exciting and well-played games of baseball ever seen in Fort Pierce when the crack baseball team of Miami will cross bats with the Boosters of Fort Pierce on the Carlton diamond. This is the team that gave the Boosters their first defeat of this season (at Miami) and our boys are determined to regain their laurels by winning both the games to be played here.

The games will start promptly at 3:00 p. m. on both days and a record-breaking crowd will surely be on hand to witness both events.

The Fort Pierce team will be lined up from the following players, who have all done good work in winning for the home club during the past season: Bullock, Baker, Roney, Evernden, Jenkins, Munch, VanLandingham, Brown, Swain and Mart. This assures a strong team to meet the boys from the Magic City.

Permission has been granted the club to stretch a rope from the fence of Mr. R. Carlton east about 50 feet, then south to the fence of Mr. Wheeler, and a charge of 25 cents will be made to all who witness the games. This is made necessary by the expense our club is put to to get the club here and it is earnestly hoped that everybody will respond liberally. Several of the young ladies now have tickets and will sell to all desiring them before the games.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Fort Pierce Band, which fact alone will be the means of drawing a large crowd. Let's get together and make these two days long remembered by having the best games, biggest crowds, largest gate receipts, and give a glorious wind-up to the best season of baseball Fort Pierce ever enjoyed.

On account of these games the ladies have changed the date of the Halloween Fancy Dress Ball and it will take place on Wednesday evening in the Improvement Club hall. This will complete the first day of the Miami team's visit and many visitors will no doubt attend. It will not be a masquerade, but strictly a fancy dress ball.

Remember the day and date and give the Miami ball club a rousing send off.

Where Did You Get It?

In striking out at the hydra-headed monster—the Florida Citrus Exchange—that seems to menace his peace of mind. Mr. Pocher swats Mr. R. L. Goodwin one. "Where did you get your money, Mr. Goodwin?" he says. None of your business, but as it's the business of the pineapple growers, I'll tell you: I got it from Mr. Temple," says Mr. Goodwin; just like that.

Now maybe Mr. Porcher will want to ask. "What has Mr. Temple got to do with it?" Not a thing in the world. You see, Mr. Temple has just got more money than he knows what to do with and he's just blowing it—blowing it for the good of the citrus fruit growers just now. It just so happens that he is one of the directors of the Florida Citrus Exchange—a peculiar situation—a body of men who direct a stupendous corporation, serving without reward or hope of reward, pecuniarily speaking, except for every additional cent he can make his neighbor's box of oranges bring in the market he gets a similar amount for his own. And to do this these directors go right down into their pockets and pony up. Nothing very philanthropic in that, you think—self preservation is the first law of nature. Let it go at that, but how does it strike you as a business proposition? Rather a far-seeing lot of men, don't you think? Shrewd sagacious men, eh? Men who push a business proposition to a successful conclusion when they tackle it—see?

Say, Mr. Porcher, this \$50 handed to Mr. Goodwin ain't a drop in the bucket to what Mr. Temple is putting into this jack-pot arrangement that you have discovered and he is doing it for fun just as you would relish a good dinner.—Florida Fruit and Produce News.

Frank Clark's Candidacy

We fail to see why so many papers in other districts should take such delight in throwing stone at the Hon. Frank Clark, the present Congressman from this district.

While there is now, and has been in evidence for the past thirteen years, a very conspicuous figure in the forums of our party by the name of Bryan, and while we have madly and blindly followed him through weal or woe for nearly two decades, it is not also true that Mr. Bryan is not the only democrat in the democratic party.

The wildest Populist in the West could not possibly have been a more enthusiastic supporter of this brilliant westerner than many of us in the South. But has it ever occurred to you that Mr. Bryan's idols were never special friends of the south?

If President Lincoln was, he had a mighty poor way of showing it.

Then why should the south be making obeisance to the the sheaves of this Western Joseph?

Have we not already done our part? And please explain to us why we should continue to worship at the shrine of one whose interests are not our interests!

Poor old General Hancock, away back in 1880,—in our own opinion,—made the antemortem statement for the democratic party when he said "the tariff is a local issue!"

Someone has said that, "Candor is a vice as well as a virtue." But we fail to see any vice in telling the truth.

In time when the South stood sorely in need of friends, we cannot recall the moment anyone from Mr. Bryan's home of Nebraska ever came to her rescue.

But in those days of the Force Bill and other of those damnable and das tradly stabs at the South, there was truly an intellectual genius in the form of Samuel J. Randall, from republican Pennsylvania.

Mr. Randall was a democrat,—and a mighty good one at that. But don't you know he was a protectionist?

Mr. Randall also believed in doing the greatest good to the greatest number—provided that greater number happened to be in his own district in Pennsylvania.

Again must we quote Ruth to Naomi:—"Thy people my people!"

Old Sam Randall stuck to his people and they kept on sticking to him.

Well,—to make a long story short,—we do truly believe Frank Clark has made a pretty good representative for the majority of the people of his district, and while we think he has done a few very foolish "Butinski" stunts, in the main we truly believe he has made an able and efficient representative.

And this reminds us!

Just now we said something about President Lincoln.—There is an old story of an office-seeker who called on the president, and was given a message to Secretary Stanton. In due time the applicant returned and Mr. Lincoln asked: "Did you see Stanton?"

"Yes, Mr. President, I saw him!"

"Well, what did he say?" inquired the president.

"I don't like to tell you, responded the applicant, "but he said you were a damned fool!"

"Now, did Stanton really say that?"

"Yes, sir, he did and I can prove it!"

"Well," said Mr. Lincoln, "I tell you, Stanton is usually right!"

And that's just what the Floridian thinks about Frank Clark and Winfield Scott Hancock and poor old Sam Randall and every other courageous man who has had the honesty and the manhood to come out and tell the truth and say that "the tariff is a local issue!"—Jacksonville Floridian.

Fancy Dress Ball.

What will probably be one of the most pleasant occasions of the season is scheduled for next Wednesday evening, when the fancy dress ball will be given in the Improvement Club hall. It is expected that there will be a large attendance of dancers in costumes of all descriptions, and everything possible is being done to make the affair a success. Good music will be furnished by the orchestra, and refreshments will be served. As there has been some confusion in the minds of a few the ladies wish us to state that the affair is a fancy dress ball and dancers will not be masked. Remember the date—Wednesday evening, October 27th.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

First Month's Work is Very Gratifying to Teachers.

The St. Lucie County High School completed the first month of the present term last Friday afternoon with a very flattering record and Prof. Okerlund and faculty are justly proud of the first four week's work.

While the enrollment is a little below the high mark reached last year the average attendance is considerably higher, being 95 per cent of the total enrollment.

The school is almost evenly divided as to sex, there being eight more girls than boys, or 131 girls and 123 boys, making a total of 254 for the whole school. In the high school department are 23 pupils, of which 13 are girls and 15 boys.

The faculty expects a material increase in the enrollment during the present month, although there is very little extra room now in the building. However all the new pupils will be comfortably taken care of and interesting works assigned them.

Prof. Okerlund is very much gratified over the interest taken in the work by the pupils and every effort of himself and his assistants will be bent towards increasing this interest and keeping up the average over his predecessor, and we sincerely wish him success in his present efforts.

A Cure for Cancer

It is passing strange so many of nature's valuable secrets should be before us every day, yet we remain unconscious of their existence until some one discovered that honey is a safe, certain and sure cure for cancer and all other blood diseases.

A farmer had contracted blood poison from helping to lay out a friend, and, after two year' treatment, had been given up to die by doctors and friends. Honey harvest had been unusually heavy that year, and he noticed that as soon as he began eating it he began to improve, and in a few weeks the symptoms disappeared and have never returned. Since then he has cured three very bad case of blood poisoning—one extremely bad case resulting from vaccination, one of eczema, and and one of eruptions on the face.

The honey should be strained (as the virtue is in the nectar) and taken very moderately at first, taking a tablespoonful only three times a day, gradually increasing until as much as a gill can be taken at a meal with impunity.

Anyone afflicted with cancer or blood disease of any kind should give the remedy a fair trial, as it is cheap, safe and sure. For many years they have been trying to find a remedy for cancer. Here it is. Give it a trial and be convinced. I want every one to know and use it free. It is nature's medicine.—Wesly Clowes, in Macomb Journal.

I had a sore on my nose, said to be cancer. I have been using the honey and my nose seems to be well. I told Rev. J. F. Tatum about the honey. He had one on his nose. The last time I saw him he said his nose was well. I have great faith in the remedy.

Yours truly,

O. J. DILLARD.

Emporia, Fla.,

Some Ways to be Good Citizens.

Encourage home enterprise.

Patronize your home merchant.

Subscribe for and advertise in your home paper and assist it in building up your town.

Read the advertisements in your home paper and buy your supplies from those merchants who advertise in it.

Help to beautify the town. If you have no property of your own encourage those who have to improve and beautify it.

Help in the establishment of new enterprises in your town and county, aid the churches and schools and do all you can for good roads.

Let your motto be "Push and Pull"—push all established business and pull for new enterprises. Send or bring all items of interest, personals, etc., to the Fort Pierce News so the world may see how fast this community is progressing.

The brick work on the court house was completed yesterday and trusses for the tower put in place.